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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ritchie Property Survey Number: WA-II-1144  
*W. side of MD 65, along southbound approach to Antietam National Battlefield, Washington County*  
 Project: Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no Y yes Name Elizabeth Cole Date 3/9/93

Eligibility recommended Y Eligibility not recommended     

Criteria: X A      B X C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information and staff knowledge of the area, the Ritchie Property is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C, for agriculture, military, and architectural significance. The property is immediately adjacent to the Antietam National Battlefield and was undoubtedly associated with the Civil War events for which the battlefield is significant. In addition, the two 19th-century farmsteads and surrounding farmlands contribute to the cultural landscape setting for the battlefield. The property has approximately a dozen structures which cluster appear to cluster into three agricultural groupings. In addition to a modern complex, there are two 19th-century farmsteads. The Ramsberger farm includes a large two-story three-bay stone bank house, probably dating to the first quarter of the 19th century and a number of domestic and farm buildings of varying dates and materials. The Coffman farmstead includes a large two-story three-bay frame house with Italianate details, which probably dates to the mid-19th century. It also has a variety of domestic outbuildings of frame, log and stone construction. The two farmsteads together comprise a significant grouping representative of Washington County's early- and mid-19th century agricultural heritage. The two houses, particularly the earlier stone house, are of architectural interest. While both complexes are in deteriorated condition, the relationships of the buildings to each other and to the land remains intact. In addition, from the available information, it appears that at the very least, the exteriors of the two houses are intact and sufficient material remains to indicate the form and design of missing elements.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file

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Elizabeth Hannold  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

June 17, 1993  
 Date

NR program concurrence: 9 yes      no      not applicable

R. Anderson  
 Reviewer, NR program

6.17.93  
 Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☒ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☒ Military  
☐ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

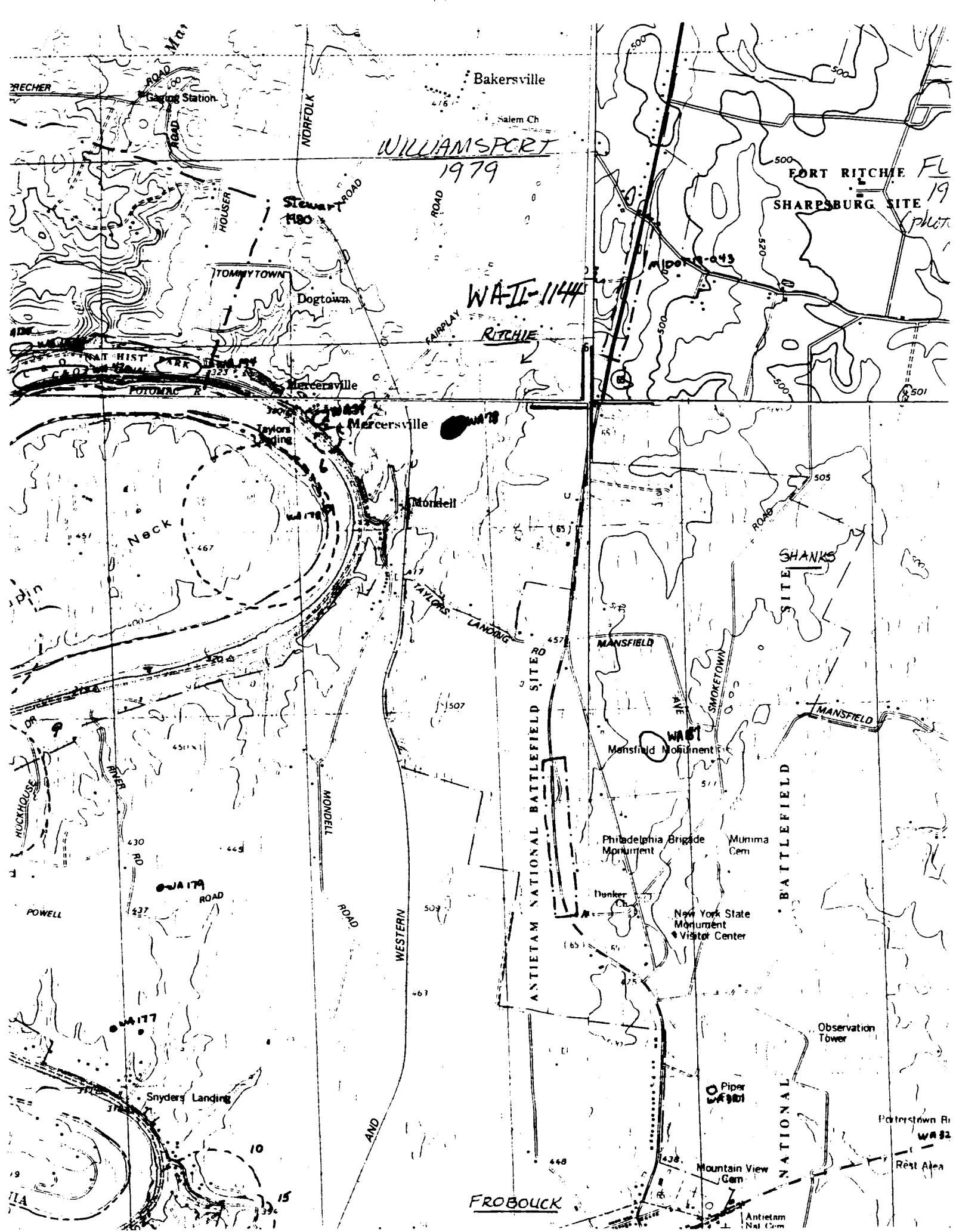
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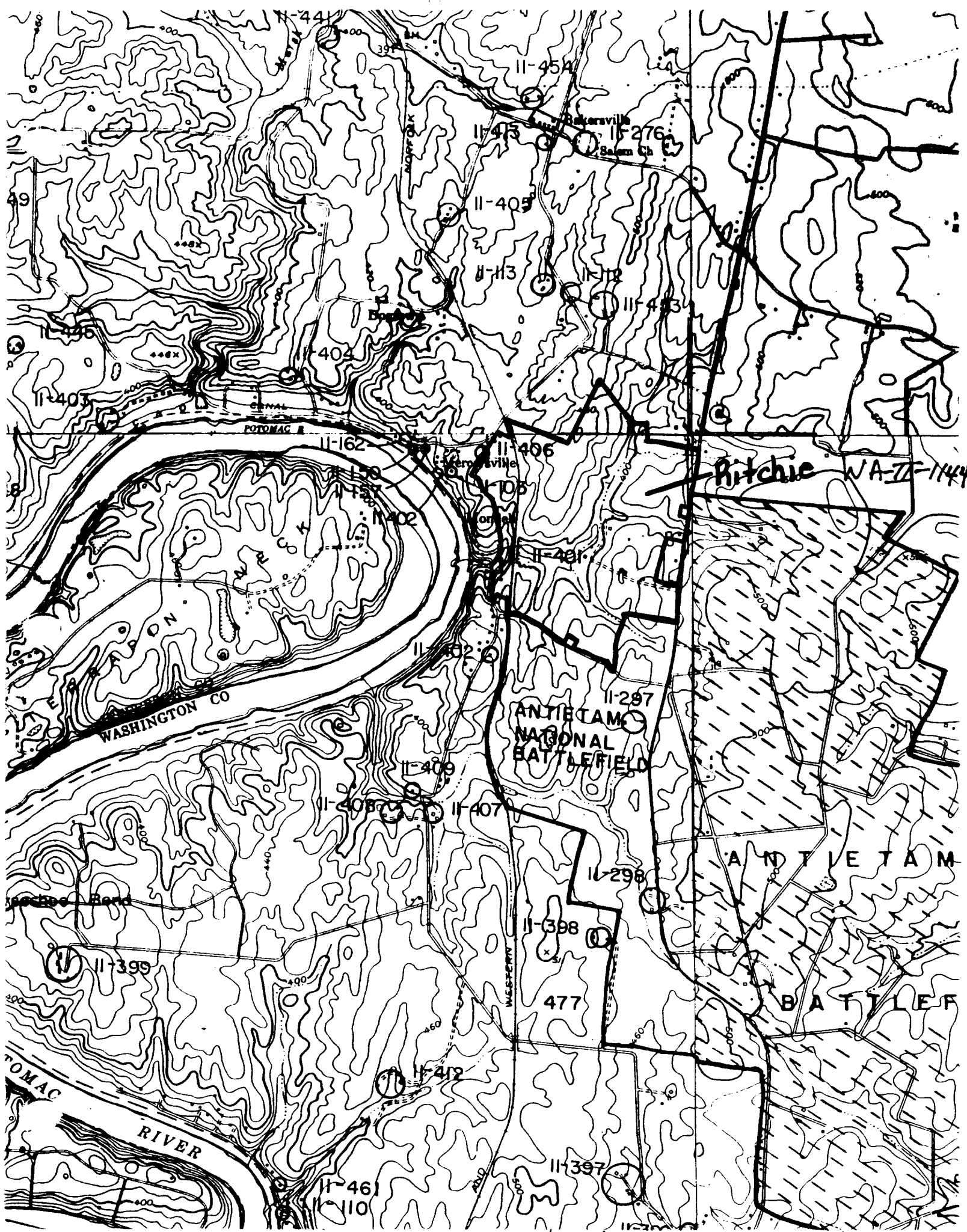
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural,  
Buildings

Known Design Source: Unknown





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